

NEWSLETTER



Newsletter May 2025

Breakfast Club



We are over the moon that so many children are now attending our free breakfast club.

Before Easter, 18 children from breakfast club were entered into an art competition, creating a mythical creature, and we found out this week that all their work is going to be published.

Very well done to these children, we are so proud of them.

If you would like to find out more about our breakfast club please contact the school office.

Assessments



Well done to our Year 6 children who have just completed their end of Key Stage Two SATs and our Year 2 children have just finished their end of Key Stage One SATs.

All the children have worked so hard, we are extremely proud of them.

We still have the Year 4 multiplication tests from 2nd June and the phonics screening check in Year 1 will begin 9th June

If you have any questions about these tests, please contact us.

We wish all our children the very best during this busy time.

Year 6 Residential

On Wednesday, 2nd July to Friday 4th July the children in Year 6 will be visiting Dobroyd Castle for their residential trip.

This is a very exciting time for the children who will be learning new skills and building lifelong friendships.

We hope they all have a brilliant time.

Mrs Waterhouse, Mrs Martindale and Mr Willetts will be accompanying the children whilst Mrs Gough teaches the Year 5 children in school.



Friends of Brierley

We are delighted to see how popular our Friends of Brierley parent support group is becoming.

We have a wonderful group of volunteers who are busy arranging exciting events for children and families to enjoy.

Please look out for messages to let you know what is happening.

If you would like to get involved with this group, please contact the office and they will put you in touch with the group.

Messy Church



All children are welcome to come along to Messy Church. Those who are regulars, really do enjoy it.

The next session is at St Paul's Church at Brierley on Wednesday 4th June at 3.30pm.

School Dinners

Our school council met with Mrs Brennan, the school cook last week, to air their views about school dinners. This was a very constructive exercise and Mrs Brennan was really keen to hear from the children.

As you may be aware, Barnsley Schools Catering will cease trading next year, so from September 2026 we will have a new supplier. Mrs Brennan will continue to be our school cook and will work alongside the new supplier whilst continuing to take on board the views of the children.

We will send out information as and when we have something to share with you.



Dates for your diary

Monday 2 nd June 2025	Y4 Multiplication tables testing period (2 weeks)
Friday 6 th June 2025	Y5/Y6 Girls' football festival
Monday 9 th June 2025	Y1 Phonics screening test week
Wednesday 11 th June 2025	Y3 Show and tell assembly for parents 2.30pm
Thursday 12 th June 2025	Y4 Trip to Bolton Castle
Wednesday 18 th June 2025	Y2 Show and tell assembly for parents 2.30pm
Thursday 19 th June 2025	FS2 Trip to Worsbrough Mill
Monday 23 rd June 2025	Children and parents new to Reception class visit - including lunch 11.30 – 2pm
Wednesday 25 th June 2025	Y3 Trip to Bolsover Castle
Wednesday 25 th June 2025	Y5 Trip to Mining Museum
Wednesday 25 th June 2025	Y4 Show and tell assembly for parents 2.30pm
Thursday 26 th June 2025	Y2 Trip to Magna
Monday 30 th June 2025	Y6 Transition day to Shafton Outwood
Monday 30 th June 2025	Children new to Reception in school from 1.15pm to 3.00pm
Wednesday 2 nd July 2025 to Friday 4 th July	Y6 Residential to Dobroyd Castle
Monday 7 th July 2025	Attendance reward trip
Tuesday 8 th July 2025	KS2 Sports day 1.30pm
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Transition for children in Reception to Y5 to spend time in their new classes
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	KS1 Sports day 1.30pm
Wednesday 9 th July 2025	Y6 Prom 5pm – 7pm in school
Thursday 10 th July 2025	Summer fayre 1.30pm
Tuesday 15 th July 2025	Awards ceremony at St Paul's Church, Brierley 9.30am
Thursday 17 th July 2025	Y6 Leavers' assembly in school hall 9.30am
Friday 18 th July 2025	School closes for summer break at 1pm

Transition

With the end of the school year looming, our Early Years staff are busy preparing for the new intake of children into Reception class in September.

If you have a child who is joining us in Autumn, you will be hearing from us shortly with the arrangements.

Children already here at Brierley will be spending time with their new teacher over the next half term. Year 6 will also be spending time at their new secondary schools. If you need any support with this, please just let us know.



Attendance Reward



We are very thankful for the support many of our families have given us as we have tried to improve attendance this year.

There has been an increase in the number of children coming to school each day and the number of late children has also improved dramatically.

We have listened to your feedback and, as we were not able to take the children on a pantomime visit this year, we would like to invite every single child on our trip to the seaside.

We will be going to Cleethorpes on Monday 7th July and we'll send further details shortly.

Once again, from all of us within our school community, a big thank you.



Have a lovely, half term holiday.

Please be safe when out and about. We'll see you safe and sound after the holidays.

